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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time for responding to the October 13, 2005 non-final Office Action in the

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above-identified application. With the extension, the deadline to file a response is February 14, 2005*, and thus, no extension fee is due.

The Director is authorized to charge the amount of \$60.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1) and any additional fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

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^{*} The deadline actually falls on February 13, 2005, which is a Sunday.